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5 Cuba Bound Defy Passport Yield Order

LONDON, July 1 (UPI) Five Americans bound for Cuba in defiance of a State Department ban on travel to the Communist island arrived here today and refused to surrender their passports to a U.S. Embassy official.

"We were told that if we insisted on going to Cuba our passports would be invalidate," said 20-year-old Susan Rotolo of New York City.

"I told the Embassy man, 'My passport is my personal property,' and refused to give it up."

Miss Rotolo and the four male students are on a trip subsidized by the Cuban Federation of University Students.